

VSH Employees' Work Group
May 23, 2006 9:00 – 11:00

Minutes
(draft for review)

Next meeting: June 5, 2:00 to 4:00 Stanley Hall 107

Present: Dena Weidman, Gail Rushford, Laura DeForge, Conor Casey, Goldie Watson,
Keith Goslant, Annie Noonan (by phone)

Absent: John O'Brien, John Berard, Terry Rowe

Staff: Steve Gold and Judy Rosenstreich

Gail reviewed the agenda and opened the meeting with announcements. Conor reported that the Futures Advisory Committee approved his motion to maintain the composition of the work group on a vote of 11 in favor, 6 opposed, and 6 abstentions.

Judy gave the work group copies of the Capital Bill containing pertinent language to the work of this committee. The language reads, "Staffing shall include demonstrated due diligence in support of the statement in the Vermont futures strategic implementation plan of July 11, 2005 that the 'expertise and experience of the current VSH staff is a valuable resource' by identifying potential avenues that would enable current qualified staff to maintain their status and contractual benefits as Vermont state employees."

Keith moved / Annie seconded to accept the minutes of May 8th and it was so voted.

Gail facilitated discussion around the revisions she had made to the staffing models document. Conor asked that the language Judy brought to our attention be included.

After completing discussion of models, Gail asked how the group wished to approach analysis of the options. The group discussed and expanded on the eight criteria, adding concepts of ...

- accountability for the state and its partner
- inpatient clinical medical care
- the consumer perspective
- within the scope of the current (legislatively approved) Futures plan
- meets federal funding criteria
- responsiveness to the needs of employees
- ensuring continuity of care in the broader system

Gail plans to recast the matrix, think about how to use the criteria, and frame the work done so far as we progress toward a report with clear, understandable recommendations.

Judy will send out dates for upcoming meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

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